

SIGNPOSTS TO LOOK FOR WHILE READING

TITLE: _____

Contrasts & Contradictions When a character does something that contrasts with what you'd expect or contradicts his earlier acts or statements Text clue: Author shows feelings or actions the reader hasn't seen before & doesn't expect Ask yourself: Why is the character doing that?	
Aha! Moment When a character realizes, understands, or finally figures out something Text clue: Characters say "I realized..." or "I suddenly knew..." or "Now I know why..." Ask yourself: How might this change things?	
Tough Questions When a character asks herself a very difficult question Text clue: Character asks self or another a hard question Ask yourself: What does this question make me wonder about?	
Words of the Wiser When a character (probably older and wiser) takes the protagonist aside and offers serious advice Text clue: A wiser, often older, character offers a life lesson, usually in a quiet moment Ask yourself: What is the life lesson and how might it affect the character?	
Again & Again When you notice a word, phrase, or situation mentioned over and over Text clue: A repeated image, phrase, or reference Ask yourself: Why does this keep happening again and again?	
Memory Moment When the author interrupts the action to tell you about a memory Text clue: "I suddenly remembered..." or "I remember..." or "Thinking back..." Ask yourself: Why might this memory be important?	